

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF

Forstner et al.

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/552836

35 USC §371 DATE: October 13, 2005

FOR: VAV INHIBITION IN GRAFT REJECTION

**Mail Stop: Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Office Action of April 27, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on October 29, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

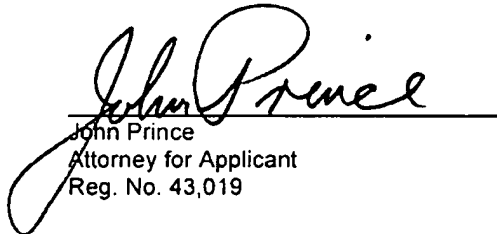
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